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COMPUTERISATION OF RTOS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government proposes to computerise all Regional Transport Offices in the country and create data Bank to link all the RTOs;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the regulatory mechanism in this regard;

(c) whether such steps help the Government to check vehicle theft in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken to check the vehicle theft including the mandatory installation of devices on the vehicles?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H.MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) The Department of Road Transport & Highways has already made rules for issuance of Driving Licence and Registration Certificate in Smart Card mode. Computerisation of R.T.Os is a pre-requisite for this purpose. Various States are at different stages of computerisation of R.T.Os. However, to assist the States, the Expenditure Finance Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Road Transport & Highways) has recently approved a proposal for interlinking of all R.T.Os in the country and creation of a data base of Driving Licences and Registration Certificates at a total cost of around Rs.148.00 crores, which inter-alia also included computerisation of R.T.Os in the country. The project will be implemented by National Informatics Centre and monitored by a National Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary (RT&H).

(c) & (d) National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) and State Crime Record Bureaus (SCRBs) can access these data bases for investigative purposes.

(e) No specific anti-theft instrument has been made mandatory by the Government for fitment in motor vehicles, so far. At the same time, the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 does not debar fitment of security gadgets in the motor vehicles.